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In re Application of  
Royer et al.  
Application No. 09/710,760  
Filed: November 10, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 5563.210-US

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed May 12, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **granted**.

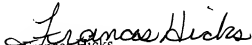
This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within three months to the non-final Office action mailed October 21, 2002. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on January 22, 2003.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$1450.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on May 12, 2003 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The file is now being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for further examination on the merits.

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